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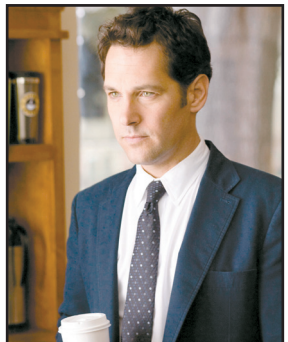
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Men's basketball looks to dominate Georgia in front of a sellout crowd at Saturday's game.

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PETER SCHAEFFING
Second-year economics student

Online Exclusive

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Why don't we close Guantanamo Bay earlier? Columnist Ryan Quinn speculates Republican response may have something to do with it. Check out his column online.

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Senior goes live on ESPN



Cory Burkarth / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Cory Burkarth comments live with ESPN's Rob Stone and UF student John Hornbuckle at the USC-UF game.

Student, SGTV producer commentates with Stone at USC - Florida game

Meagean Dugger
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night, one of USC's own, Cory Burkarth, broadcasted live to a national audience with ESPN as part of the network's "Campus Connection" program.

The series allows students to experience aspects of the live production process, and ESPN telecasted the men's basketball game between the Florida Gators and USC Gamecocks.

Burkarth worked with ESPN commentator Rob Stone and University of Florida student John Hornbuckle.

Burkarth, a fourth-year broadcast journalism student, said he has worked with Student Media since his first day on campus.

He is a former Daily Gamecock assistant sports editor and currently works with SGTV to produce the weekly 30-minute sports special, "Capital City Sports." Burkarth's show airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

Through Student Media, Burkarth earned a position with Columbia news station WLTX's Friday Night Blitz series, a program highlighting local high school football.



Cory Burkarth / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Burkarth said his experience from SGTV was crucial.

"Wow," he said of the opportunities he earned through the university program, "I landed an on-camera gig with WLTX doing the high school football show."

The broadcast, which was

ESPN • 5

Students given prestigious award

Gilman funding gives scholars chance to study abroad

Hunter Hardinge
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A chance of a lifetime. That is what the competitive Benjamin A. Gilman International

Scholarship gave to nine University of South Carolina students.

The Gilman Scholarship allows students who normally would not have the capability to study abroad the chance to experience life in another country.

These nine students, who were eligible by

receiving a Pell Grant, helped place USC into the top 20 institutions that received the scholarship. South Carolina is placed higher than the University of California, Berkeley, University of Texas at Austin and New York University.

Through a series of personal essays, the Gilman Scholarship

provides students with an opportunity to share their personal story and explain how the chance to study abroad would change their lives.

"Everyone has a compelling story. The Gilman Scholarship wants to know how studying abroad will

SCHOLARSHIP • 5

SG candidate deals with vandalism



Keri Gott / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER

Smear campaigning has hit USC's Student Government races again. A sign placed by vice presidential candidate Alex Stroman on Greene Street has been defaced by anonymous attackers. Last week, Stroman's campaign banner on Greene Street was smeared with the word "Weiner" written in black across his forehead. Stroman subsequently took down his sign.

"I thought it was really immature," Stroman said. "But it was nothing I was really pissed off about." Stroman replaced his sign on Tuesday afternoon.

Within 24 hours, he received a text message from his campaign manager, Hakeem Jefferson, telling him his sign was defaced again. The message, once again written in black: "Still a Weiner."

Stroman filed a police report with the Columbia Police Department Wednesday afternoon. Police officers went to the scene and took pictures.

"It's not coming down again," Stroman said. "I'm going to do what I can to fix it, but I'm not taking it down."

Stroman said he wouldn't speculate on who might have vandalized the sign, but that it was "unfortunate that candidates are being singled out for personal attacks by anonymous sources."

Senate to vote on stimulus bill

If passed, money would go toward Pell Grants, higher education in S.C.

Jonathan Battaglia
STAFF WRITER

College students and parents received some much-needed help with the recent stimulus package passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on January 28. Pending a Senate vote, the \$819 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would boost the Pell Grant scholarship by \$500 and create a new \$2,500 tuition tax credit.

Of the \$3.2 billion worth of investments the bill plans for South Carolina, \$349.59 million would go towards Pell Grants, while \$82.7 million would be used for university modernization throughout the state. Nationally, the bill would invest \$490 million in creating new work-study opportunities, creating jobs for an additional 200,000 students.

Director of Student Aid and Scholarship Ed Miller said that although the bill will help USC students and families, it doesn't go far enough. As the bill stands in the House, nearly 14 percent of funds allocated to South Carolina would go towards higher education.

"I'm in favor of anything that helps our students," Miller said. "We're still going to be in a bad situation, but if the Senate passes this bill, we'll be a lot better off."

Despite not receiving a single GOP vote, the bill passed the House by a count of 244-188 with widespread Democratic support and urging from President Obama to work quickly.

House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., who had a seat at the table when the bill was being developed, praised the bill because it would "benefit the greater good and provide much needed jobs at home."

In his arguments before President Obama and House and Senate leadership, Clyburn insisted that provisions in the bill allow for the S.C. General Assembly to receive and allocate federal funds, even if South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford refuses to do so.

"Our governor has repeatedly expressed political and philosophical aversion to using federal assistance as we work our way out of these economic conditions," Clyburn said in a news release.

"The leadership of the S.C. General Assembly sees it differently, and I have worked with them to ensure that South Carolinians receive the benefits of these federal investments."

As the now-more than \$800 billion billheads to the Senate floor, Republican leaders are threatening a filibuster if the bill isn't geared more towards directing money into the private sector of the economy.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., told reporters last Thursday that he plans to be "one of the leaders" in stopping the stimulus, and called the Democratic-favored bill "one of the worst pieces of legislation ever created in Washington."

Comments on this story? E-mail gamecocknews@sc.edu

WUSC

wants you to come raise money for breast cancer

WHAT? A twitter-thon

WHEN? 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE? Third floor of the Russell House, Student Media office. Come and meet Brandon Mendelson, who is traveling across the U.S. to raise money and spread breast cancer awareness.

All proceeds will go to the 1 in 8 Foundation.



CAROLINA BRIEFS



- The Women’s Club Volleyball Team will host their spring tournament Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. There will be teams from around the south east including: Auburn, Georgia, Central Florida, Clemson, Davidson and Georgia Southern.
- USC will host the next Healthy Carolina Farmers Market Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between the gates on Greene Street in front of the RH. Cash payment is due to the farmer at the time of purchase. This event is co-sponsored by SG and the South Carolina Agriculture Department. For more information please contact Healthy Carolina Coordinator Holly Harring at (803) 777-0597.
- If you are interested in joining the new session of Weight Watchers on campus, please contact Melinda Poore at (803) 777-7602 for more information. The cost is \$98 and the class meets for 10 weeks.

WEIRD NEWS OF THE

Week

(Feb. 5) — A Houston woman is gunning for the world’s biggest breasts. Sheyla Hershey, 28, says she has been told that her 38KKK-sized breast implants are record-breaking. Guinness World Records would confirm only that the current record for the largest augmented breasts in the world is held by a woman known as Maxi Mounds.
— AOL.com

SEOUL, South Korea (Feb. 5) — A woman in South Korea who has taken the written exam required for a driver’s license nearly every day since 2005 has failed again — but is hoping attempt No. 772 will be the charm. She has taken the test a record 771 times, most recently on Monday, but has yet to pass. She said she plans to take the test again but did not say when, he said Thursday.

LONDON (Jan. 31) — On the streets of Birmingham, the queen’s English is now the queens English. England’s second-largest city has decided to drop apostrophes from all its street signs, saying they’re confusing and old-fashioned.
— AP

(Feb. 2) — Jenny’s phone number is for sale, but not for a song. Bids for a New Jersey version of the number, stuck in the minds of millions since Tommy Tutone’s ‘867-5309/Jenny’ hit the Top 10 in 1982, had reached \$5,100 on eBay as of Monday morning.
— CNN

PIC OF THE DAY



Jessamine McKeever / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Weeklong freezing temperatures make for an ice-covered fountain scene on Taylor Street Thursday. Considering Columbia’s warm climate, it was a unique sight.

Local

A fetus who survives abortion — an event both abortion rights activists and foes concede is rare — is entitled to lifesaving treatment under a measure given initial approval Thursday in South Carolina.

The measure means doctors would have to try to save those infants just as they do any patient with a life-threatening condition — no more and no less, said its sponsor, Rep. Greg Delleney, R-Chester. A panel he leads voted unanimously to advance the bill to the full House Judiciary Committee.

“It seems pretty simple,” he said. “If you come here a living, breathing person, you have to be treated as such. But since Roe v. Wade, life has been devalued.”

The proposal defines a person as anyone who’s breathing and has a beating heart after birth, whether that’s by labor, cesarean section, or abortion. It mimics the Born Alive Infant Protection Act signed by President Bush in 2002.

More than half of states have similar laws, though most were enacted in the 1970s and ‘80s. Since the federal law, only one state, Michigan, has dealt with the issue by tweaking its existing law, said Elizabeth Nash, a public policy associate at the Guttmacher Institute in Washington.

“It’s really an issue for several decades ago,” she said.

No group keeps track of how often it happens, but surviving an abortion attempt was less rare in the 1970s because techniques have changed, said Douglas Johnson, legislative director of Washington-based National Right to Life.

He said it also applies to late-term abortion cases where doctors induce labor, expecting the lungs to be too insufficiently developed for breathing.

National

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Three former turkey farm workers who were videotaped stomping on birds’ heads and wringing their necks have been indicted on 19 counts of animal abuse, 11 of them felony charges that could carry significant jail time.

Norfolk, Va.-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which had an undercover operative film the abuse last fall at Aviagen Turkeys Inc. in Lewisburg, said Thursday it believes the felony counts are the most severe such charges that U.S. factory farmers have faced. Farmworkers have in the past been charged with misdemeanor abuse.

Indicted this week were: 25-year-old Walter Lee Hambrick of Fairlea; 33-year-old Scott Alvin White of Second Creek; and 21-year-old Edward Eric Gwinn of Crawley. The prosecutor’s office said they will be arraigned Feb. 17 in Greenbrier County Circuit Court.

Each felony charge is punishable by up to five years in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine. The misdemeanor charges carry possible sentences of six months and up to \$2,000 in fines.

The Greenbrier County public defender’s office said it has not yet been appointed to represent any of the men, and telephone listings for the three couldn’t be found.

Aviagen Turkeys Inc., a subsidiary of Alabama-based Aviagen Inc., fired all three workers in November.

“Aviagen Turkeys has well-defined policies and procedures regarding poultry welfare and cooperated fully with law enforcement,” spokeswoman Sandi Hofmann said in an e-mail. The workers were fired for violating company policies, she said.

The National Turkey Federation in Washington, D.C., has had animal welfare guidelines for poultry operations since 1980, said spokeswoman Sherrie Rosenblatt.

World

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s allies swept to victory over Shiite religious parties during last weekend’s provincial elections in Iraq — a rousing endorsement of his crackdown on extremists, according to official results released Thursday.

The impressive showing, which must be certified by international and Iraqi observers, places al-Maliki in a strong position before parliamentary elections late this year, and could bolster U.S. confidence that it can begin withdrawing more of its 140,000 troops.

The results were a major blow to Iraq’s biggest Shiite religious party — the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council — which trailed in every Shiite province, including its base in the holy city of Najaf.

Still, the margin of victory in a number of Shiite provinces was narrow, indicating the prime minister’s supporters will have to cut deals with their rivals in order to govern.

And al-Maliki’s Coalition of the State of Law gained little traction in Sunni areas, suggesting that sectarian divisions still play a major role in Iraqi politics. Al-Maliki is himself a Shiite from a religious party but his bloc ran on a platform against sectarianism.

Some Western diplomats believe al-Maliki’s biggest problem now will be fending off challenges from fellow Shiites as well as Sunnis and Kurds — who all underestimated him two years ago but now have a strong vested interest in curbing his power.

The elections, for ruling councils in 14 of the 18 provinces, were the first nationwide balloting since December 2005 and went off peacefully. But a suicide bomber struck Thursday in an ethnically tense northern town, killing 14 people, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials.

— The Associated Press

Crime Report

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Larceny, 9 p.m.

A bottle of 150 gel capsules of Focalin XR 15 milligrams was stolen from the victim’s room. He said that several people had been in his room, and that he had been in and out of the room.
Estimated value: \$70

Reporting officer: M. Winnington

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

Financial Transaction Card Theft, 6:30 p.m.

315 Main St.
After the victim lost her Carolina Card, someone spent \$100 at several places on campus.

Reporting officer: E. Guyon

Larceny, Breaking into a Motor Vehicle, 6:15 p.m.

800 Devine St.
When the victim returned to his car after class, both rear windows of his Jeep Wrangler had been cut. A Cobra radar detector, a duffel bag of clothes and a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses had been stolen.

Estimated value: \$740

Reporting officer: D. Byrum

Grand Larceny, 7:45 p.m.

Bensons, 226 Bull Street
While the victim was making a delivery, he left his car unlocked with the keys in the ignition. While he was inside, for approximately one minute, it was stolen.
Estimated value: \$5,000

Reporting officer: D. Byrum

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

Trespassing, 11:30 p.m.

Law Center, 1112 Greene Street
Joshua Hodges was arrested after staring at people and acting suspiciously. He had been placed on trespassing notice 30 minutes prior to his arrest.

Reporting officer: G. Singletary

Larceny, 4:45 p.m.

Booker T. Washington building, 1400 Whaley Street
An iPod nano and a docking station with attached speakers were stolen during the fire.

Estimated value: \$300

Reporting officer: T. Lyons

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Women	March 1	Kentucky	3 PM
Men	March 5	Tennessee	7 PM



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Phelps still not at lowest of low points

Other athletes have ruined reputations with worse falls from grace

Michael Phelps has been called many things during his decorated Olympic swimming career.



MICHAEL WUNDERLICH
Second-year print journalism student

He's been called champion, gold medalist, icon and even the greatest athlete of all time.

Recently, Phelps has had to weather new monikers being strapped to his broad shoulders: pot head, disappointment, bad influence.

Phelps recently admitted to "regrettable" behavior at a party in Columbia in the fall of 2008 after a picture of him with his lips pressed to a smoking device (bong) was found in a British tabloid.

As a society, we're taught to own up to our actions, confess our mistakes and learn from the error of our ways.

While Phelps's behavior was probably illegal, I can imagine that there were a number of other activities happening that night in Columbia that may have been slightly worse than taking a bong rip at a party.

The U.S. president has even admitted to experimenting with pot in his youth, so why society is now bearing down on Phelps is beyond me.

The fact that Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott is mulling pressing charges against Phelps is absolutely staggering.

A confession and a picture serving as evidence of an event that took place months ago should not be ground to press charges.

There has been mass speculation that this move by Lott is only to put his name next to Phelps's in the headlines, and I wouldn't hesitate to believe that for a second.

I agree that smoking pot is, by definition, against the law, and because of this, if someone is caught with marijuana on his person or in the confines of his personal property, he should be prosecuted.

Marijuana use, however, is not the worst thing an Olympic athlete could do.

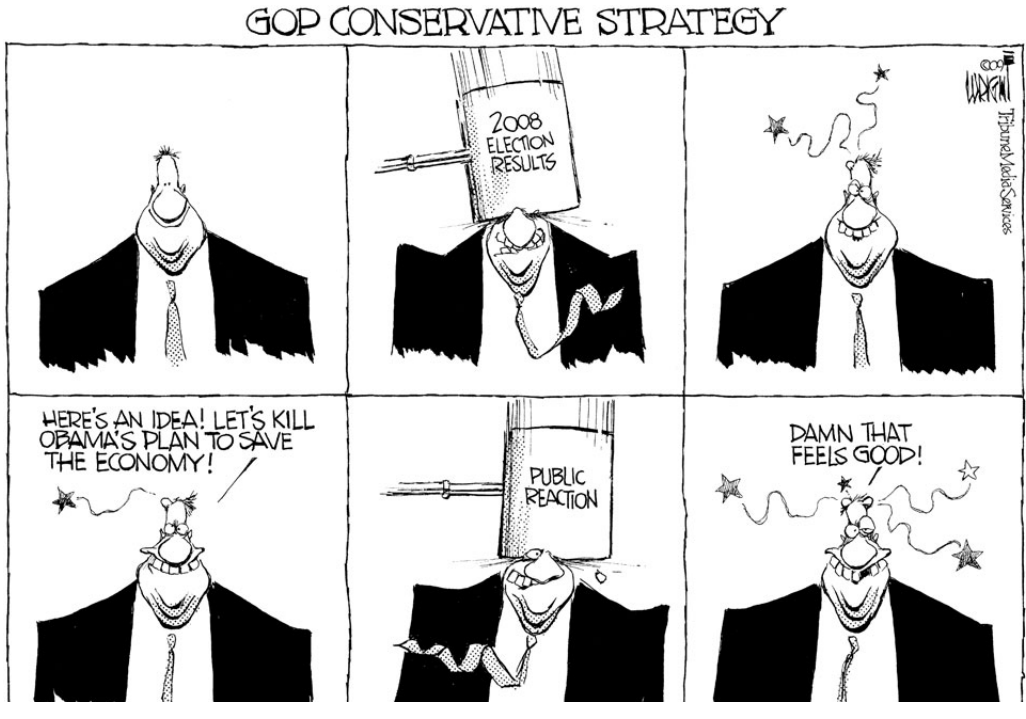
Take a look at Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery, a duo of dynamic track stars who lied about steroid use, were convicted and have since served jail time and watched their medals disintegrate before them.

Disgraced athletes like Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens and the horror story of Ken Caminiti show how low an athlete can sink when abusing banned and controlled substances.

In Phelps's case, taking a few hits from the bong seems like child's play compared to the legal ramifications of Bonds' and Clemens' actions, with Caminiti paying the ultimate price with his life.

Some now decry Phelps's image as a role model has taken a hit, but his confession of marijuana use shouldn't taint his triumphant image as the greatest pool shark of all time.

If anything, Phelps owning up to his actions and taking responsibility for them should be admired, as integrity and accountability in the face of adversity is something rare and valuable.



JUST A THOUGHT

Bail yourself out: Save money

Protect credit score, avoid senseless debt to make it in post-college real world

Seniors, I offer you my sympathy. Unless you are matriculating into the



PETER SCHAEFFING
Second-year economics student

protective shell of graduate school, in a few months you will confront weak job prospects and the challenge of entering a real world that is not exactly in

shipshape economically. Before you start throwing away hope and collapsing in distress, though, take heart. Your personal forecast does not have to be as bleak as the economy's. Freshmen through juniors should take note, too, because the recession plaguing us now will have repercussions long after our own graduations.

So how can an upstanding college student like you survive these times?

Most any ball coach will tell you that the best offense is a good defense. This theory isn't too far from the truth in the financial arena, either. To make a successful transition from

college to total financial independence, you must protect your credit score for all you're worth. Pay down your debts like a good safety tracks down a speedy wide receiver, stop prolific spending like a quality lineman stuffs a running back, and for God's sake, save some money.

Your personal finances are more important now than ever.

Emerging from college with as few debts and as high a credit score as possible is key to financial success in your early days on your own. Unfortunately, students continue to rack up huge credit card bills. USA Today reports Americans as a whole are paying down less credit card debt per month now than ever and that delinquencies are on the rise.

While not shocking, these reports are still reason for concern. While USA Today points out that repaying less credit card debt per month is sensible if the motive is to conserve cash in uncertain times, it still sets consumers up for trouble.

Students are especially susceptible to this problem. Unlike Americans further removed from the massive expense that college

imposes, students typically have very little money to fall back on in rough times. This reality makes it essential that we all practice responsible spending.

So what exactly is responsible spending?

A Saturday Night Live skit from a few years ago makes the most rudimentary point well. In it, a man proposes a debt prevention plan called "Don't Buy Stuff You Cannot Afford." After hearing the plan, Steve Martin's character says, "I think I've got it. I buy something I want, and then hope I can pay for it, right?"

His confusion sadly seems to be all too close to the truth in our society. The prevalence of credit cards makes debt spending an attractive proposition, but students should try to limit credit card spending to small amounts they can reliably pay off every month. This will ensure the spotless credit record that will help you weather the economic storm.

A fancy TV in your dorm room or a top-of-the-line laptop may seem essential, but they're not. Make sure you consider your long-term financial wellbeing. You cannot afford to do otherwise.

Why so serious, candidates?

Overly competitive attitudes, low-ball tactics have no place in SG race

I hope I don't end up on the next student body president's enemies list for this, but I have to say it: Why so serious, candidates?

It's Student Government election time once again, and



RICHARD WOOD
Third-year history student

who could fail to notice it? Posters and signs and shirts promoting candidates are everywhere on campus. The Daily Gamecock covers all the developments

in the race and editorializes about the important issues. SG elections really do come to seem like miniature versions of state and national elections.

This is not necessarily a good thing.

But before I say what's not good, let me be clear about what is. It's a great credit to USC that so many students are interested. Students really debate the issues and care enough to volunteer their precious time to work for candidates or to oversee

smooth and fair elections. The candidates don't take their responsibilities lightly, either. Unlike in high school, the elections aren't just popularity contests. I know just from listening to people on campus that a candidate's platform really does make or break their election chances.

But we still need to lighten up about elections.

The glossy posters, flashy Web sites and catchy slogans all suggest professionalism. But professionalism is not what SG is, and it's not what we should want it to be. These candidates are students, not full-time politicians. They need to assure us they're dedicated and competent, but not that they're some kind of special breed.

After all, we know them. We see them in class, at parties, at activities or on the streets. The techniques utilized in state and federal elections to familiarize candidates to masses of people they will never meet are not necessary on a university campus because our student government representatives are just like us, and they are accessible. They could stand in front of Russell House for a few hours and meet half the campus personally, and the

best ones do just that.

So we don't need to run SG campaigns like politicians do. We have the opportunity to run personal and less formal, but no less important, campaigns. But the unnecessary seriousness some people have about these elections leads to events that sour the whole process.

In my time at USC, I've heard accusations of cheating, both real and imagined. I've heard accusations of racism in election practices, and most recently I've seen anonymous posters attacking a candidate's personal integrity.

I don't know who is to blame for these occurrences. But I believe that the candidates themselves can have a role in setting a good example for the whole campus by being civil and informal and letting everyone know that the outcome of the election isn't a matter of life and death. After the elections are over, we'll still inhabit the same campus, and we'll still be acquaintances and friends.

We don't need our student government elections to be just like real elections because we can do so much better.

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IN OUR OPINION

New school lunch law not needed for health

If we were still in middle school, we'd be flipping out right now.

Once again, the state is cracking down on public school lunches in the name of nutrition. A South Carolina House subcommittee proposal aims to regulate grade school cafeteria offerings and vending machines, potentially throwing popular items such as burgers and potato chips out the window.

Those of us who grew up in this state probably remember similar scares. And yet, by the time we graduated, most public

high schools still had soda machines in the halls and pizza in the lunch line.

This is partly for a good reason: Schools need the revenue. Take out the Coke machines, and the football team might have to reuse those old pads or the tutoring program could lose funds.

That being said, it is important for schools to offer healthy lunch options. Kids need an option that won't raise their cholesterol or keep them obese.

It's an issue that's already been addressed, though. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed by Truman in '46 and updated in 2004, calls for certain nutritional ratios to be met in cafeteria offerings. Perhaps time would be well spent in figuring out a way to enforce its guidelines.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's article "SG leaders consider division," we reported that Alan Tauber is vice president of GSA. He is in fact the chairperson of the Student Governance committee of the GSA. Austin Jackson wrote in his column Thursday that Carmel Matin is an SG senator. She currently serves as Executive Cabinet Chief of Staff. We regret the errors. If you see an error in today's paper, we want to know about it. E-mail us at sageckvew@mailbox.sc.edu

IT'S YOUR RIGHT

The goal of The Daily Gamecock's Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community. All published authors are expected to provide logical arguments to back their views.

The Daily Gamecock encourages readers to voice opinions and offers three methods of expression: letters to the editor, guest columns and feedback on dailygamecock.com.

Letters and guest columns should be submitted via e-mail to gamecockeditor@sc.edu. Letters must be 200 to 300 words in length and include the author's name, year

in school and area of study. We also invite student leaders and USC faculty members to submit guest columns. Columnists should keep submissions to about 500 words in length and include the author's name and position. Guest columns are limited to three per author per semester.

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CIA choice promises no overseas torture

Panetta says Obama administration will prevent violation of U.S. values

Pamela Hess
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — CIA Director nominee Leon Panetta assured senators Thursday that the Obama administration will not send prisoners to countries for torture or other treatment that violates U.S. values as he contended had occurred during the Bush presidency.

Panetta, testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee, later acknowledged that he does not know specifically what happened in the secret program allowing so-called “extraordinary rendition.”

CIA Director Michael Hayden has said that the

Bush administration moved secret prisoners between countries for interrogation and incarceration, separate from the judicial system, fewer than 100 times.

Panetta said that President Barack Obama forbids what Panetta called “that kind of extraordinary rendition — when we send someone for the purpose of torture or actions by another country that violate our human values.”

“What happened I can’t tell you specifically,” he said later, “but clearly steps were taken that prompted this president to say those things ought not to happen again.”

Rendition has been used by U.S. presidents for several decades; Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., said the Clinton administration used it 80 times. However,



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CIA Director nominee Leon Panetta testifies on Capitol Hill.

Panetta said the difference is whether the prisoner is transferred to another government for prosecution in its judicial system or for secret interrogations that may lead to torture.

Bush administration officials have said no prisoners were transferred without credible assurances from the host governments that the prisoners would not be tortured or treated in a way that violates international law.

Panetta said he

considers appropriate those renditions that send individuals to other countries to face prosecution.

“Having said that, if we capture a high-value prisoner, I believe we have the right to hold that individual temporarily, to debrief that individual, and to make sure that individual is properly incarcerated so we can maintain control over that individual,” he said.

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impact their lives. They want it to be personal. That is what is so different about the scholarship,” said Rachel Hardison, an advisor at the Study Abroad office.

By receiving money to study in non-traditional countries such as China and the United Arab Emirates, these students

are not only experiencing a completely different culture, but furthering their understanding of the world.

“I am choosing to study abroad because I feel that understanding more about the world is a huge part of the university experience, and in order to feel fully educated, I need to see multiple perspectives on the world,” said Nicole Smith, a second-year biology student.

Smith said studying abroad is the best way to become immersed in a culture because you live amongst people from that country and go to classes with them.

“I think I’ve learned more about myself and human nature in the past twenty days that I’ve been in a foreign country than I did for 20 years living in my home state of South

Carolina,” Smith said.

The Gilman scholarship has a unique twist that requires students to have a follow-up project after their study abroad experience. The project’s purpose is to promote study abroad in general as well as the scholarship.

The Gilman Scholarship provides a golden opportunity for students.

The key is to put the effort in for the opportunity.

“Definitely research the program, think ahead of time, and if you cannot afford to study abroad, then just put the effort into a scholarship like this, because it is worth it,” said Patrique Veille, a second-year business student.

By giving students with the chance of a lifetime, The scholarship emphasizes how important study abroad can be.

“I feel like I owe the study abroad office so much because without it, I probably wouldn’t have received the scholarship. I wouldn’t have even known that I could study abroad,” said Latisha McDowell, a second-year economics student.



LATISHA MCDOWELL



PATRIQUE VEILLE

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televised on both ESPN and ESPN-U, included Hornbuckle and Burkarth’s commentary on the game, as well as a student outlook on university-related issues.

To ensure familiarity between the students, Burkarth said he and Hornbuckle arrived early and spent most of the day getting to know one another.

“We showed up early and learned the logistics of that kind of job,” he said.

Burkarth said he believes he has reached the top with the nationally televised broadcast.

“It’s crazy to think I’ve reached the peak before I graduate,” he said on the broadcast. “It’s my dream job. I could do it every day, a play-by-play sportscaster.”

Burkarth said one of the most important experiences he gained from the live telecast was learning the ropes of live broadcasting.

“It’s different from taped,” he said on his segments with SGT.V. “I got to see the kind of preparation that goes into that type of production. It was the highlight of college.”

Burkarth expects his experience will promote a future career.

“When they see my resume DVD, and my first clip is me on camera with ESPN, I think they’ll take a closer look. It’s got to lead to something,” he said.

Burkarth said that although ESPN is currently on a hiring freeze, “they will try to get me in somewhere when I graduate to learn the ropes.”

Aside from learning the technicalities of production, Burkarth said that the experience itself was the greatest asset

he took from the broadcast.

“To have done that before I graduate is just unbelievable,” he said.

Burkarth advises young students anticipating jobs in the media to gain first-hand experience through the university’s different media productions. Recently, a high school student e-mailed a journalism faculty member asking about the university’s media opportunities.

The e-mail was forwarded to Cory.

He promised the student excellent opportunities and experience by simply stating: “Watch ESPN-U Tuesday at 9 p.m. and you’ll see what is available here at the university though media programs.”

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*Mystery thriller 'State of Play,'
bromance film 'I Love You, Man,'
among best movies to watch for*

Jimmy Gilmore
STAFF WRITER

It's been a while, and there have been plenty of great trailers for upcoming Spring releases. These are just a few of the offerings around the bend, when most studios show

off some of their more genre-based films before unloading the big guns for summer. The trailer of the week goes to "State of Play," a mystery thriller about a reporter (Russell Crowe) investigating the murder of a congressman's (Ben Affleck) mistress. With acclaimed director Kevin Macdonald ("The Last King of Scotland") at the helm and a script co-written by Billy Ray ("Breach") and Tony Gilroy ("Michael Clayton"), expect fast and intricate plotting filled with suspense. Plus, it looks like a

great acting job by Crowe if the character ends up as dynamic as the preview makes him appear. Guy love, or the "bromance," has taken center stage in recent comedies like "Superbad," but it might reach its explicit height in "I Love You, Man." Paul Rudd plays a man about to get married and lacking a candidate for his best man, but starts to click in a totally "guy love" way with new friend Jason Segel. The inspired pairing of these two funnymen, who appeared together before in "Knocked Up," gives the film a lot of potential for great laughs. Director Shane Acker expands his 2005 animated short "9" into a feature-length film with the help of producer Tim Burton. The film is about a rag doll fighting against monsters in a post-apocalyptic world. Voice credits include Elijah Wood, John C. Reilly and Martin Landau. The animation in the trailer is gorgeous, with bizarre and creative images looking fluid and crisp. The chick flick crowd will probably get excited over Matthew McConaughey's latest, "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past." A love story with a Dickensian twist, McConaughey plays a womanizing bachelor visited by three ghosts on the eve of his brother's wedding to take him through relationships — you guessed it — past, present and future. It's an

interesting idea, and with Jennifer Garner and Michael Douglas on board, it should be full of enough charisma and cheeky humor to work modestly enough. John Malkovich plays it up in "The Great Buck Howard" as a washed-up magician/hypnotist who tries to rejuvenate his career. Colin Hanks also stars as a law school dropout who takes a job working for Howard. With Steve Zahn, Emily Blunt and Tom Hanks in supporting roles and Malkovich showing off his zany side, the film should appeal as a small, quirky comedy. Dennis Quaid takes the lead as a detective investigating a string of serial killings connected to the biblical Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in "The Horsemen." Basing killings off the Bible is an idea David Fincher took to perfection in 1995's "Se7en," and the shadowy, bloody trailer for "Horsemen" definitely has similar shades. Hopefully it will be able to deliver some originality and creativity to the increasing repetitious serial killer genre. All trailers are available to stream online at apple.com/trailers or youtube.com.

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Kara Roache / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Guests at Pawley's Front Porch Restaurant, formerly known as Congaree Grill, enjoy dinner Thursday night.

'Pawley's' serves up new name, keeps classic Southern style

Western European, Pan-Asian fusion dishes give new edge to traditional country flavors with inviting atmosphere

"Pawley's Front Porch"
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Marin Mueller
STAFF WRITER

Certain things just don't mix, like tomatoes and pineapple or South Carolinian cuisine and French food. At least, I believed as much until I dined at Pawley's Front Porch. Thankfully, Pawley's Front Porch (formerly Congaree Grill) in Five Points is around to prove that a little creativity never hurt anyone, and they do so while providing a relaxed, down-home atmosphere. The restaurant blends classic Americana flavors with subtle, unexpected tributes to Southern cooking. It would be truly regrettable to go to Pawley's without lots of company. There are too many appetizing options on the menu to choose just one, so instead, take plenty of friends and try a little bit of everything. To start, try the Fried Dill Pickle Chips. The crispy-fried coating enhances the crunch of the pickle slices, and the buttermilk ranch dip nicely contrasts the tangy flavor of the pickles. Alternatively, the Southern Caviar shows off influences from classic salsa recipes with bell peppers, jalapenos and onions, while incorporating classic elements of Southern hospitality like cowpeas and pineapple. The cuisine-based fusion doesn't end there. The Lowcountry Eggroll has the consistency of its Pan-Asian counterpart, but replaces its Eastern

elements with fried chicken, sausage and gorgonzola fondue. Pawley's entrees range from the down-home Southern to the Western European. The restaurant's Chicken and Biscuits are phenomenal. Had it not been for my own (heavily tested) self-restraint, I could have eaten an embarrassing number of the restaurant's garlic cheese biscuits. Needless to say, these are not the chicken and biscuits you get at Zaxby's. One of the restaurant's more exotic options is the Lowcountry Bouillabaisse, which blends elements of gumbo and the classic French soup. The Cajun aioli is especially flavorful, and adds a nice zest to the potentially overpowering seafood flavors. One of the most appealing sections of the menu is the option to build your own burger. Both the pickiest and most adventurous eaters will find the combinations available satisfying. The half-pound burger comes piled with possibilities that are almost unimaginable. My favorite is a ciabatta bun with blue cheese crumbles, roasted red peppers, pineapple chutney and fried green tomatoes. No matter what your mood, Pawley's can make a burger to match it. The sweetest thing on the menu is the SOS Sampler. Named in memory of a cancer victim, the dessert features a sampling of three of the restaurant's desserts, and proceeds from its sales are put towards the fight against cancer. Pawley's Front Porch combines the charm of the Deep South and its food with a relaxed atmosphere that isn't afraid to experiment with new flavors. Even the service maintains a relaxed, personal Southern atmosphere that is all too often sacrificed in the name of speed and efficiency. A forward thinking attitude, combined with a clear tribute for Southern culture, makes Pawley's an obvious choice for your next dinner out.

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Four guys, two bands, one amazing album

'Two Tongues' features multiple unique tracks

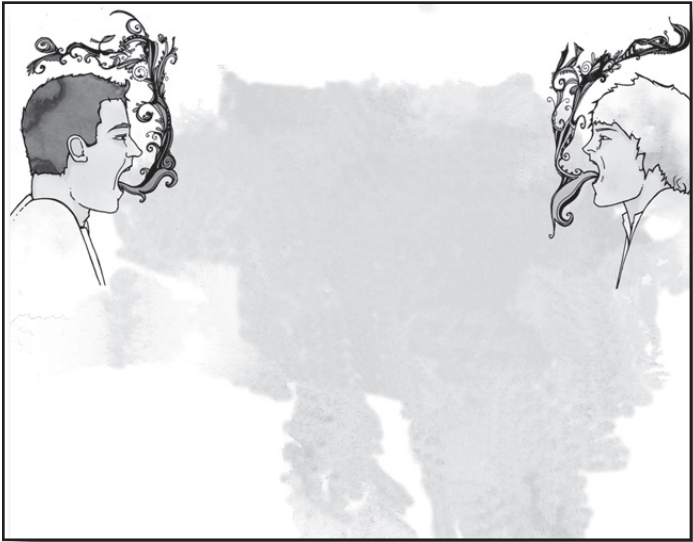
"Two Toungees"
Two Toungees
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Shelby Sochs
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

On their self-titled debut, Max Bemis and Coby Linder of Say Anything and Chris Conley and Dave Soloway of Saves The Day collaborate to form Two Tongues and have recorded one the most anticipated albums of the year. With Bemis and Conley being musical influences to each other for several years now, this band and album was a dream come true for not only these two bands, but their fans as well. The album opens with "Crawl," a powerful ballad where Bemis' recognizable vocals lead into Conley taking over the chorus. Heavy guitar riffs carry throughout the song with a strong vocal range from both vocalists. The track is one of the more intense and personal songs on the album, with lyrics such as "Leave me/ Let me stay asleep 'cause I don't care/ I won't wait for you to believe our love is here." Don't let the song title disturb you — "Dead Lizard" is one of the better tracks on the album despite its dark and bitter lyrics and tone. "I will find a way for you/ To fall out of the grave/ You've dug your hole/ It's where you lay." "Don't You Want Me To Love You" is one of the more retro-sounding songs on the album, reminiscent of the '60s. There is an intense guitar solo that brings this simplistic, yet personal song to a whole new musical level. Another cut off the album,

"Wowee Zowee," is one of the more fun and catchy songs on the album. This song describes the angst between two people in a relationship, and the frustrations that they are both experiencing, which can be found in the lyrics "Don't let go/It's dangerous/ To turn away/From the bonds we built between us." One of the slower songs on the album, "Try Not To Save Me," is the one song in which Conley is most prominently featured. At times, Conley and Bemis show off their harmony skills in such verses as "Try not to save me/ Try not to care/ I'm not the one." On the dance-pop-esque track "Back Against The Wall," Bemis and Conley alternate distinct displays of their vocals throughout the song. Despite the chorus only containing three words, "Come on" and "alright," the overall song is quite catchy and enjoyable. "Even If You Don't" completes the album with its funky, old-school vibe. The lyrics may be a little cheesy at times with such lines as, "Eating raw bacon," and "Rooting through the garbage/ For treasures in the trash pile," but these kind of lines give the song its overall feeling. Each song on this album has its own unique, and distinct sound despite a majority of the lyrics being about romance, heartbreak or betrayal. The album took only a couple months to make and was self-produced by the band in Northern California. And after a long anticipation for its release, it is a relief and overall excitement to the band, fans and everyone involved in the recording process.

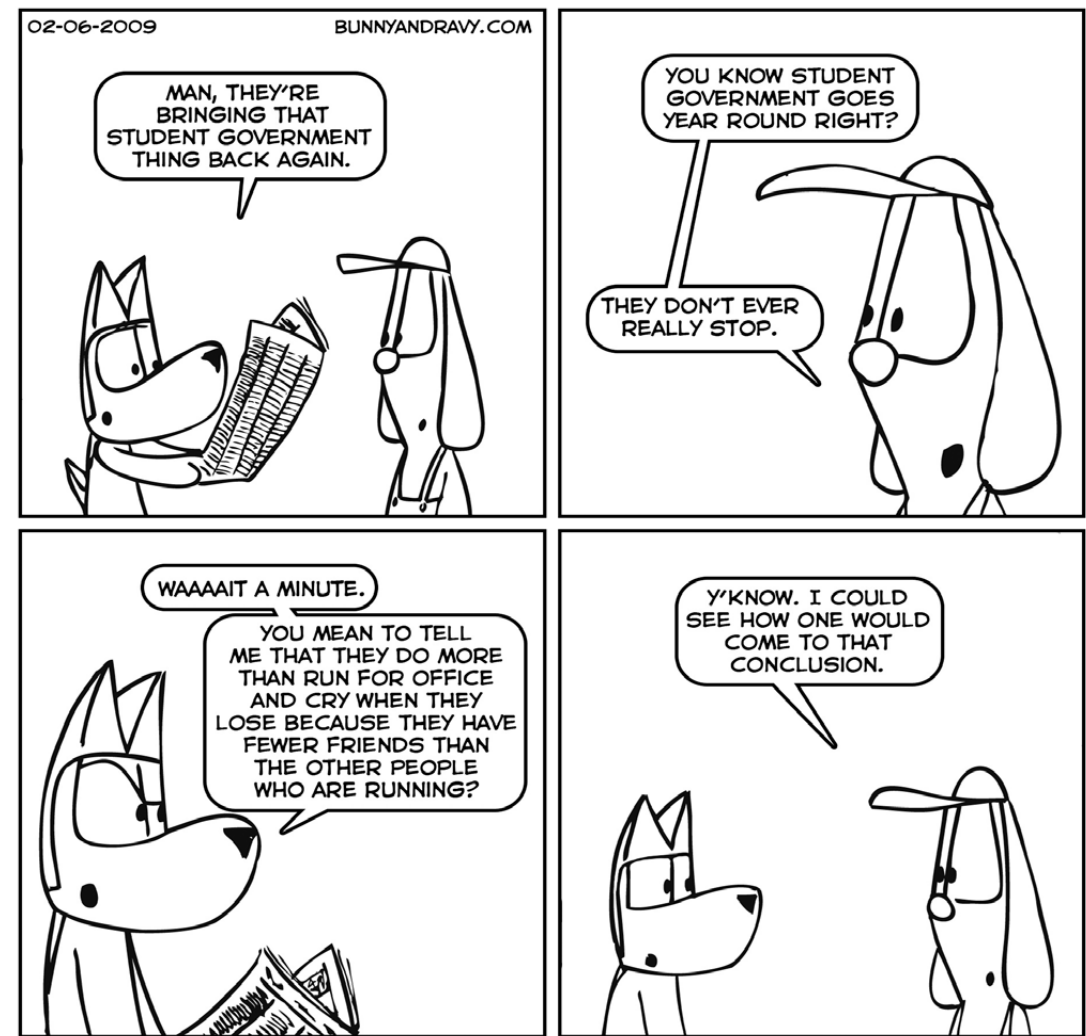
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Courtesy of Two Tongues

Two Tongues, a collaboration of Max Bemis and Coby Linder, releases its long-awaited self-titled album.

Inside the Box ♦ By Marlowe Leverette / The Daily Gamecock



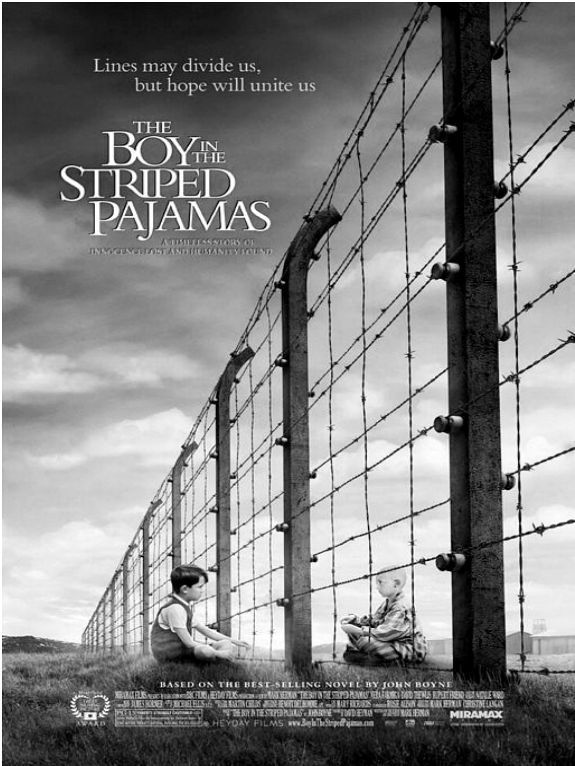
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ARIES It's best not to tell everybody what you have in mind until you have more of the bugs worked out. Give yourself some leeway so you can make changes before you go public.

TAURUS You're studying to learn what to do. The more valuable information would be to find out what you should avoid.

GEMINI You can't squeeze blood out of a turnip, but there are ways to squeeze a few more items through the checkout line.

CANCER Don't assume that just because you're right, you'll get agreement. Somebody wants to argue with you just for the

fun of it.

LEO Unfortunately, while you were conferring, your work was stacking up. So what are you going to do about it now?

VIRGO Don't talk bad about anybody behind their back, especially now. They'll find out if you do. It's a sure bet.

LIBRA A conflict between your career and domestic life requires your attention. If you'll be home late, let them know, OK? And take them a special treat.

SCORPIO What you're discovering seems to conflict with what you

already know.

SAGITTARIUS Should you save or should you spend? The horror, oh, the horror, of making these decisions.

CAPRICORN There's going to be competition. You expected that. In a way, it's good. It keeps you sharp and also helps you meet people.

AQUARIUS Changes in your assignment are the only thing you can assume. Everything else needs to be checked and verified three or four times.

PISCES This evening, someone you know well needs more personal attention.

Crossword

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USC rejoins forces with Garnet Army



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Sophomore forward Milke Holmes backs his defender down against Ole Miss.



Sam Bennett / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Junior guard Devan Downey fires a pass between Ole Miss defenders on Jan. 24.

Following tough road loss to Florida, men’s basketball returns to Columbia to face Georgia in front of sellout crowd

Morgan Henley
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Saturday’s game against the Georgia Bulldogs should be an easy win for the Gamecocks coming from a disappointing loss against the Florida Gators last Tuesday. The Bulldogs have a nine and 13 record, compared to the Gamecock’s 16 and five. Georgia hasn’t won a game against an SEC team all season and Carolina has five SEC wins to cushion them into this weekend.

The game against Florida showed just how much of a threat Carolina is. Junior guard Devan Downey showed how big of an asset he is to the team, scoring 33 points. Averaging 20 points a game, it’s impossible to talk about the Carolina basketball team without mentioning Downey. He’s the second highest scorer in the SEC currently, aiding USC’s spot at the top scoring offense.

Senior guard Zam Fredrick trailed slightly behind scoring

15 points against Florida. Fredrick currently stands at ninth highest scorer in the conference. With Fredrick averaging 16 points a game, he stands above Georgia’s leading scorer, senior Terrance Woodbury who averages 13.3. Junior Dominique Archie has proven helpful for Carolina also, averaging a solid 11.5 points a game.

The Bulldogs will be just coming off a loss to LSU, a team that Carolina also lost to. Georgia is on a nine game losing streak, and Carolina had its first loss in five games Tuesday. The Bulldogs suffered more of a defeat against LSU with a 18 point deficit, whereas the Gamecock lost to them by a crushing 93-97 score.

The Georgia team is desperate to pull out a win, and an upset over the Gamecocks could be just what they need. They came close to LSU in the first half in their last game but had too many issues with teamwork to pull off a win. The Bulldog’s team is suffering internal issues due to starters Zac Swansey, Albert Jackson and Travis Lesli having to sit out in the past games, a decision made by former Coach Felton but continued by Coach Herrmann. Swansey was ninth in the SEC in assists, but hasn’t proved to be as helpful this season as freshman Trey Thompkins or Woodbury.

The Bulldogs recently moved their assistant head coach Pete Herrmann to the position of interim head coach after a

termination of Dennis Felton. There has been talk of hiring legendary basketball coach Bob Knight, but no contract has been made.

“We only shot 26 percent in the second half and we got frustrated,” Herrmann said. “We need to learn to play together better on offense. We are going to keep working hard and being enthusiastic because we are committed to the integrity of the program.”

The game is a part of the athletic department’s efforts to encourage attendance. It is dubbed as “Operation Sellout” and is an attempt for the arena’s first game that sells out. Tickets are \$15 and free for students. It will also be Gamecock Club Appreciation Day, the Gamecock Club Chapter Challenge, Life Night for area churches and car dealer appreciation night.

There will be a performance at halftime by Steve Max’s Simon Sez, a well known performer in the professional athletics circuit. He does an interactive Halftime Challenge Show that has been performed at many NBA halftime shows.

The game will be Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Colonial Life Arena.

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Kristin Sherrard / Kentucky Kernel

Kentucky guard Carly Ormerod drives past USC forward C.J. Pace during the Wildcats’ win on Thursday night.

Slow start, poor shooting plagues Gamecocks

Lakeisha Sutton leads Carolina with 15 points

Scott Waggoner
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The USC women fell to the Kentucky Wildcats 61-47 in a hard fought battle last night in Lexington, Kentucky. The third straight loss drops the Gamecocks to 9-12 overall and 1-7 in the SEC. Lakeisha Sutton led the

way for Carolina with 15 points.

The Gamecocks couldn’t shoot any worse in the first half if they had tried. They managed to go 4-28 from the field for a measly percentage of 14.3 percent. Kentucky was able to shoot around 40 percent, which helped them build a healthy 15-point lead at the half.

In the second half, Carolina battled back after giving up an 11-0 run with about 10:00 left

to play. USC coach Dawn Staley then went to a trap defense, which worked for the Gamecocks, who at the 5:18 mark got the lead down to eight points.

The Gamecocks shot much better in the second half going 9-27 for a 33.3 percent as they outplayed the Wildcats, who did just enough to hold off a late surge by the Gamecocks. Down the stretch, the Gamecocks were forced to foul Kentucky, who went

15-20 from the stripe in the second half and in the end the women were unable to overcome the halftime deficit.

For the Wildcats, Eleia Roddy played well by recording a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Kentucky had a balanced attack, as they had three players in double figures.

Besides poor shooting,

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Men’s tennis hosts crucial doubleheader

‘We could be really good,’ says DeMars of team’s potential

James Kratch
STAFF WRITER

Five matches into the season, the USC men’s tennis team is just about on schedule, according to coach Kent DeMars.

“We’re about where I wanted us to be,” DeMars said.

At 4-1, the Gamecocks have already knocked off perennial national contender Indiana, with their only loss coming at the hands of defending national champion Georgia.

“We played [Georgia] pretty well, but it doesn’t really show it in the score. I don’t know if we have enough confidence yet to knock off a team of that stature, and that’s something we really have to work on,” DeMars said.

This weekend, DeMars hopes to do just that, as USC has a doubleheader at home this Saturday with Davidson

and Charlotte.

“We’ve got a couple weeks where we don’t play high end, nationally ranked teams, and this is the time where we need to get better,” DeMars said.

One of the areas DeMars has recognized as needing improvement is the team’s doubles play.

“I’m pleased with what we’ve done so far in doubles, we’ve done better in doubles this year to date than last year, but there were a couple of weaknesses I saw when we played Indiana and Georgia, so we’re going to try different combinations and see if that works,” DeMars said.

USC also is looking to establish more consistency at the top of their lineup, and will be leaning on juniors Diego Cubas and Pedro Campos.

“[Cubas] finished the fall with an 11-1 record and was highly nationally ranked, and he’s lost three matches, of course one guy was ranked No. 14 the other guy was ranked No. 18, he’s playing really good people, but I’d like to see him get in that

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USC coach Joyce Compton leads her team in a cheer during last season’s home game against Tennessee.

Gamecocks open season with busy weekend at home, away

‘Intensity has been pretty good on the team the whole spring,’ Compton says

Ty Zeigler
STAFF WRITER

The South Carolina softball team will face off against the College of Charleston this weekend in each team’s first series of the season. Saturday will feature a double-header at Beckham field in Columbia, in which first pitches for each game are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

The series will conclude in Mount Pleasant at Patriots Point on Sunday at 2 p.m. Gamecock National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall-of-Fame coach Joyce Compton explained the quirky schedule.

“Basically, we’re trying to go to single games during the week and I just like to play three game series. And I wanted to use both days up,” Compton said.

Compton, a collegiate head coach for over 30 years, finished last season with a losing record for only the second time in her career. This season,

the Gamecocks will look to rebound with a young team that includes 10 new players.

“We’re going to be a young team, so I think a lot of it is going to be figured out as the season gets going. A lot of positions are pretty wide open. We have a lot of people that will be playing, and it’s going to be up to somebody to win a position. It might take going into the game season to really get that accomplished,” Compton said.

The recent emphasis in practice has been to simulate game situations. Most notably, the softball team tends to have inter-squad scrimmages late in the week.

“We’re just trying to get some at-bats off of live pitching. Trying to get sharp on some defensive plays right now,” Compton said.

A key for preparing for the Cougars has been to have the same focus in practice as the team needs to have in a game.

“Well you focus the same way in practice as if it were the same situation. You don’t really change your focus. You still play every pitch, every at-bat, every ball hit at you the same way you would in a game. You can’t turn

a switch.

“I think overall, the intensity has been pretty good on the team the whole spring,” Compton said.

The College of Charleston returns their top four hitters from last season and has two preseason All-Southern Conference First Team players in seniors outfielder Tiffany Harmon and pitcher/utility player Shannon Howard.

Junior Cougar pitcher Terri Mesko is one to watch in the game. She will likely become the College of Charleston’s all-time strikeouts leader this season.

The Gamecocks are led by senior second baseman Ashton Payne, the team’s leader in most offensive categories last season.

Compton will be bringing the team along one game at a time, trying not to look too far ahead all at once.

“You set goals, and you have steps going up, and that’s what needs to be talked about. Not the final goal,” Compton said.

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the Gamecocks fell behind early due to turnovers. They committed nine turnovers, which led to 10 points for Kentucky. Carolina was also able to force nine turnovers, but unlike the Wildcats they couldn’t score any points off of them.

The Gamecocks were

able to stay in the game due to their success at the free throw line. They went 15-17 from the line, though the Wildcats, who also shot well from the charity stripe the whole game, matched them. Meanwhile, in the second half Carolina shot an impressive 62.5 percent from the three-point line, which really helped them out.

Getting a big boost off their bench, which scored 17 points, also aided Carolina. Courtney Newton came up big with nine points, to go along with two rebounds and one assist.

Overall, Carolina played well and they gave themselves opportunities to score, but they just couldn’t hit their shots in the first







half. They recovered in the 2nd half but there was too much ground to make up.

The Gamecock women will look to bounce back when they play Ole Miss this Sunday at the Colonial Center. Tip off is set for 3 pm.







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SEC EAST STANDINGS

WOMENS

TEAM						
SEC	1-6	6-1	2-5	5-2	6-1	5-2
PCT.	.450	.909	.545	.762	.773	.682
OVERALL	9-11	20-2	12-10	16-5	17-5	15-7

MENS

TEAM						
SEC	5-3	6-2	5-3	5-2	2-5	0-7
PCT.	.762	.826	.696	.667	.619	.409
OVERALL	16-5	19-4	16-7	14-7	13-8	9-13

BurkARTH shines on ESPNU

Former assistant sports editor displays class, talent on national T.V.

I’ve known Cory BurkARTH for almost two years now, as a colleague and a friend, and until Tuesday night, his biggest distinguishing characteristic in my mind was the uncanny resemblance he bears to the maniacal Sid Phillips in “Toy Story.”

When I found out he was going to make an appearance representing USC on ESPNU’s coverage of the USC-Florida basketball game earlier this week, my first two thoughts were: “Really? Him?” and “I hope he doesn’t embarrass us.”

It turns out I truly underestimated Cory BurkARTH.

I’ll admit, I spent the first five minutes of the game — which, by the way, was among the most manically paced sporting events I’ve ever witnessed — laughing at the television in general and at Cory in particular. But once the initial shock wore off, I was very impressed by what Cory, a former member of The Daily Gamecock’s sports department, could do.

While his University of Florida counterpart, John Hornbuckle, was busy leading cheers and making snide comments about Carolina athletics and social life, Cory conducted himself with grace and class — two qualities I had never seen in him in any setting before — and delivered insightful color commentary, as well as good taste and good timing in his remarks. He even developed the beginnings of on-air chemistry with ESPNU announcer Rob Stone (who had to reprimand Hornbuckle for cheering in the press section).

In contrast to his Floridian co-commentator, Cory acted professionally, avoiding the

dreaded use of “we” in sports journalism. While he used his trademark “legend” to describe Stone at the start of the telecast, he managed to refrain from using other favorite expressions of his, like “I’d like to make her my first ex-wife,” even when ESPN columnist Bill Simmons gave him an opening during the second half.

Cory’s performance continues a strong tradition of USC Student Media personalities coming up big for the Worldwide Leader.

Before the Thursday night football game against Kentucky last season, then-Sports Editor Alex Riley went on ESPN and opened up a can of verbal whoop-ass on the Kentucky Kernel.

Cory’s knowledge and professionalism shone even brighter when viewed in contrast to Hornbuckle’s arrogance and partisanship. Hornbuckle seemed to have missed the memo that ESPNU had brought him on to be an analyst, not a jackass. At one point, Hornbuckle called Florida’s “Rowdy Reptiles” one of the best student sections in the SEC. Never mind that the state of SEC basketball is such that being the best student section in the SEC is akin to being the coolest kid in the chess club.

Here’s the point: no matter how irritating the opposition, no matter how annoying the above-the-rim camera angle was, no matter how heartbreaking the loss, USC did have something positive to take from the game.

For once, Cory BurkARTH, you’ve made us proud.



MICHAEL BAUMANN
Fourth-year political science student



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Thomas Stoddard digs to save a point during the fall.

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groove. I think he’s good enough to be in the top 20,” DeMars said.

“Same with [Campos], he lost against Indiana and Georgia, but it was really close. There’s nine teams in the SEC in the national top 30, so you got to play well every time, and we need our top guys to be confident to do that,” DeMars said.

DeMars said he is also pleased with the doubleheader format and the opportunities it allows his team.

“I’ve got 10 players and at this time of year I’m not totally sure who should be starting, so a doubleheader

allows me to play all 10 of them in singles and doubles, otherwise with one opponent four sit on the bench, so I can see where they all are at right now, and hopefully by the end of February I’ve got it figured out,” DeMars said. “Potentially we could be

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